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21st Century Intelligent Health System

**More Choices
With Greater Quality
At Lower Cost**



Current System

Provider-centered

Price-driven

45 million uninsured Americans

**Slow diffusion of innovation and
knowledge**

Acute-focused

Paper-based

Third party controlled market
(patient – provider – payor)

Little information on cost and quality

Limited choice

Predatory trial lawyer litigation system

Overall cost increases

Care driven by volume and price



21st Century System

Individual-centered

Values-driven

100% coverage

**Rapid diffusion of innovation and
knowledge**

Prevention and health focused

Electronically based

Binary mediated market
(individual – provider)

Right to know quality and cost info

Increased choice

New system of health justice

Overall cost decreases

Quality of care and quality of life



Health Information Technology is the lever to transform health and healthcare



**The goal of every stakeholder
in healthcare must be the rapid
and widespread adoption
of consumer-centric health IT**